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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Spring Valley Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for new Permit NEV2003112 is:

Geo-Nevada, Inc.
Mr. J. Craig Demetras, Authorized Agent
232 Court Street
Reno, NV 89501

The Spring Valley Project is a physical separation facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414), utilizing gravity separation methods to extract gold. No chemicals are authorized for use in the process. The facility is designed and constructed to operate and close without any discharge or release from the fluid management system except for storm or metrological events that exceed the design storm limit. Application materials submitted by Geo-Nevada, Inc. indicate at least a five-year life expectancy for the Spring Valley Project.

The Spring Valley Project is located in the historic Spring Valley Mining District (also referred to as the South Comstock/Devil's Gate/Chinatown Mining District), a once active placer gold mining district. Spring Valley is approximately 8 miles northeast of Carson City and 3 miles west of Dayton, in Lyon County. The legal land description is Sections 20, 21 and 28, Township 16 North, Range 21 East (MDB&M).

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the new permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit

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their comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (by February 20, 2004) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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Attn: Rob Kuczynski, P.E.
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, at (775) 687-9441, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>.